Land Use Setbacks from Drinking Water Supplies

Land Use Type	Drinking Water Well	Surface Water Source of Public Drinking Water	Rules/Regulatory
Septic System	400' from <i>municipal well</i> 200' from <i>community well</i> 75' from <i>private well</i> Not permitted within protective well radius determined by system size (applies across property lines)	75' from <i>any surface</i> <i>water/reservoir</i> 100' – 125' if special soils under Shoreland Protection Act	Env-Wq 1008.04 Env-Wq 1008.06 RSA 483-B:9
Underground Storage Tank **for new tanks only. Old tanks are grandfathered	 Public Wells Gasoline USTs – 500' USTs containing other regulated substances – 400' Private Wells Gasoline USTs – 250' USTs containing other regulated substances – 75' 	75' from any surface water	Env-Or 407.06
Above Ground Storage Tank **for AST systems proposed on or after January 21, 2009. Old tanks are grandfathered.	 Public Wells Gasoline ASTs – 500' ASTs storing heating oil used only for on premise heating – outside of protective radius ASTs storing oil other than gasoline used only for on premise emergency electrical generation – outside of protective radius ASTs storing all other contents – 400' Private Wells Gasoline ASTs – 250' ASTs storing heating oil used only for on premise heating – 75' ASTs storing oil other than gasoline used only for on premise emergency electrical generation – 75' ASTs storing all other contents – 75' 	Gasoline ASTs – 500' ASTs storing heating oil used only for on premise heating – outside of protective radius ASTs storing oil other than gasoline used only for on premise emergency electrical generation – outside of protective radius ASTs storing all other contents – 400'	Env-Or 307.10

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Pesticide Application	 400' from gravel pack public well 250" from all other public wells special permits can be granted in accordance with Pes 502.04 75' from private well (applies to pesticide applications for mosquito control) 	Without permit: 250' from reference lines of any surface water source or their tributaries within a 5 mile radius of the intake (within the watershed) Permit may allow application within setback area	Pes 502.04 Mosquito: Pes 604.01
Pesticide Storage	400' from <i>public wells</i> 75 feet from <i>private wells</i> If possible, down gradient from water wells	75' from high water mark of any surface waterIf possible, down gradient from surface water	Pes 802.03 Bulk Storage: Pes 804.05
Pesticide Mixing	 400' from gravel pack public wells 250' from all other public wells 75' from private wells 	75' from any surface water	Pes 805.01
Hazardous Waste Storage, Disposal or Treatment Facility	Prohibited within 3000' from zone of contribution of a <i>public</i> <i>well</i> Disposal facilities prohibited in wellhead protection area classified as GAA Outdoor storage of hazardous waste – Not within protective radius of <i>any public water</i> <i>supply well</i> Outdoor storage of hazardous waste – 75' from <i>private wells</i>	Prohibited within 3000' from intake Prohibited in watershed of Class A Rivers Outdoor storage of hazardous waste - 50' from <i>surface waters</i>	Env-Hw 304.09(f) Env-Hw 507.01 PWS: RSA 485- C:12
Hazardous Waste Landfill	Prohibited within 5000' from zone of contribution of a <i>public</i> <i>well</i>	Prohibited within 5000' from intake Prohibited in watershed of Class A Rivers	Env-Hw 304.09(f)
Landfill	Prohibited within WHPA of a community or non-community, non-transient well	1000' upgradient from any community drinking water supply reservoir or intake	Env-Sw 804.02 and Env-Sw 804.03
Pet Cemeteries	 200' from private or community water supply 400' from municipal water supply 	 200' from private or community water supply 400' from municipal water supply 	Env-Sw 810.08
Hazardous Waste Transfer Facilities	Prohibited within 1000' from zone of contribution of a <i>public</i> <i>well</i>	Prohibited within 1000' from <i>intake</i> Prohibited in watershed of Class A Rivers	Env-Hw 304.09(f)

Solid Waste Facilities: Transfer/ Recycling/Processing Facilities, Incinerators, etc.	Prohibited in wellhead protection areas classified as GAA	Shoreland Protection Rules prohibit within 250'	RSA 485-C:12 & RSA 483-B:9
Treated Contaminated Soils	Prohibited in recharge area of any sole source drinking water supply	100' from any surface water	Env-Sw 903.05
Buried Stump and Asphalt	75' from any well	75' from any <i>drinking water supply</i>	Env-Sw 101.03 Env-Sw 810.09
Groundwater Discharge Permit Wastewater Facilities: lagoons, spray irrigation etc.	Siting modeled and monitored to assure compliance at property line	Siting modeled and monitored to assure compliance with surface water quality standards	RSA 485-C:13 Env-Wq 402
Biosolids Application – Sludge and Septage	400' from <i>large community wells</i> 300' from <i>all other wells</i>	500' from any drinking water supply	Env-Wq 806.08
On-site Stockpiling of biosolids	Septage, if sealed and covered, or other stockpiling with lined holding – 75' from nearest <i>drinking water well</i> Unlined holding – 500' from	500' from surface water drinking water supply	Env-Wq 806.08 Env-Wq 1609.09
Biosolids Facility	nearest drinking water well 500' from any well	500' from any drinking water supply	Env-Wq 808.08
Outdoor Storage of Regulated Substances in Regulated Containers	75' from <i>private wells</i> Prohibited within protective radius of <i>public wells</i>	50' from <i>surface waters</i>	Env-Wq 401.04
Junkyards	Prohibited in WHPAs classified as GAA	Shoreland Protection Rules prohibit within 250'	RSA 485-C:12 RSA 483-B:9
Salt Storage	Prohibited in WHPAs classified as GAA	Shoreland Protection Rules prohibit within 250'	RSA 485-C:12 & RSA 483-B:9
Snow Dump	Prohibited in wellhead protection areas classified as GAA	None	RSA 485-C:12
Livestock Burial	200' – 400' from <i>wellhead</i> depending on slope and vegetative cover	100' – 300' from any <i>surface</i> <i>water</i> depending on slope and vegetative cover	RSA 431:33-35 Manual of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Agriculture in NH, p.28

Notes: Most land uses are prohibited within 200-400 feet of new community water supply wells because the water supplier must own or control this area. There are many existing wells, however, that are not protected by this "sanitary protective radius."

NH's Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act setback only applies to certain rivers (fourth order rivers) and great ponds (greater than 10 acres).